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# H. R. 3037

To clarify that unmarried children of Vietnamese reeducation camp internees are eligible for refugee status under the Orderly Departure Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 13, 1997

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Justice for Victims  
5 of Communism Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR REFUGEE STATUS.**

7 Section 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Fi-  
8 nancing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997  
9 (Public Law 104–208; 110 Stat. 3009–171) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by striking “For purposes” and insert-  
3 ing “Notwithstanding any other provision of  
4 law, for purposes”; and

5 (B) by striking “fiscal year 1997” and in-  
6 serting “fiscal years 1997 and 1998”; and

7 (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-  
8 lows:

9 “(b) ALIENS COVERED.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An alien described in this  
11 subsection is an alien who—

12 “(A) is the son or daughter of a qualified  
13 national;

14 “(B) is 21 years of age or older; and

15 “(C) was unmarried as of the date of ac-  
16 ceptance of the alien’s parent for resettlement  
17 under the Orderly Departure Program.

18 “(2) QUALIFIED NATIONAL.—For purposes of  
19 paragraph (1), the term ‘qualified national’ means a  
20 national of Vietnam who—

21 “(A)(i) was formerly interned in a reeduca-  
22 tion camp in Vietnam by the Government of the  
23 Socialist Republic of Vietnam; or

24 “(ii) is the widow or widower of an individ-  
25 ual described in clause (i); and

1           “(B)(i) qualified for refugee processing  
2           under the reeducation camp internees subpro-  
3           gram of the Orderly Departure Program; and

4           “(ii) on or after April 1, 1995, is or has  
5           been accepted—

6                     “(I) for resettlement as a refugee; or

7                     “(II) for admission as an immigrant  
8           under the Orderly Departure Program.”.

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